



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, April 15, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met April 15, 2014 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on April 10, 2014 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Anderson, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held March 25, 2014 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 25, 2014 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the Sutton Shop is up. They are waiting on the plumbers and then will do the concrete. Work was started on the Fairfield Shop yesterday. The new belly dump trailer and new truck are being used to haul gravel. The guys are working on driveways and tree removal. Tom will put a notice in the paper concerning pivots, fences, trees and culverts alerting the public of the expectations and consequences of violations. The weight limit signs will remain up until at least the first of May. Complaints concerning the weight limits were discussed. While this may cause some inconvenience, the over seven million dollar investment needs to be protected as much as possible.

An easement for an electrical line was presented. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to approve the easement requested by Mike Schlick for an electrical line across Road G from the NW ¼ Sec. 7 T5N-R7W to the NE ¼ Sec. 12 T5N-R8W to supply a new well - agricultural use only. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Sharon Hueftle, Executive Director South Central Economic Development District reviewed information from their annual meeting describing their mission, state statutes, comprehensive economic development strategy and loans and grants that impact Clay County. Sharon also discussed upcoming workshop opportunities.

Mike Carroll, Custodian reported that the basement work has been finished. There still is some moisture coming in but does not get to the floor. The outer wall should be fixed as soon as possible. Supervisor Anderson suggested cementing in the area to help keep water away. Sidewalk repairs at the front entrance and the northwest corner of the square were discussed. Mike will use hinges he has found throughout the courthouse to replace the worn or missing ones on the front inside doors. Mike would



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like to replace the existing flagpole with a fiberglass pole with a hinged base that would never rust or need painting and can withstand 150 mile per hour winds. Mike also discussed painting the garage floor and working on the floors in the courthouse. In the next budget year, he would like to purchase a commercial vacuum and a grinder and buffer.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Anderson to authorize Mike Carroll to purchase a new flag pole for the Veterans Memorial on the courthouse yard. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Linda Whiting, County Assessor presented the Reports and Opinions received from the state. Linda explained and discussed some of the information contained in the report. The abstract of the county and the 3 year plan of assessment were also included in the report. Linda told the board that the homestead exemption income limits have increased.

No information was available for the refinishing of the table or the pads for the benches in the courtroom.

The Health Department, County Assessor and County Treasurer submitted a list of items to be declared as surplus. The Assessor's office has two HP printers (1160 and 4700) and a yellow and black cartridge for the HP 4700. The Treasurer's office has a Dell 1720dn printer. The Health Department has office furniture, desk supplies and miscellaneous items (list available in Clerk's office).

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to declare as surplus the items submitted from the Assessor, Treasurer and Health Department. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

The new feature allowing participants to carryover up to \$500.00 of their unused FSA balance remaining at the end of a plan year was discussed.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Nuss to authorize the chairman to sign the amendment to the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan offering the \$500.00 carryover beginning with the 2014 plan year. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

It was decided that no action needs to be taken concerning the fund changes for the Nationwide Retirement plan.

The board discussed the meeting dates in May. The meeting schedule will be changed from three meetings to only two meetings in May. The board will meet the last two Tuesdays instead of the last three Tuesday's. (No meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>)

Ted Griess, County Attorney did not have anything for the board and they did not have any questions for him.

The Board had openings on the agenda and decided to move up the board of equalization time. The agenda states that the scheduled times are tentative and the



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Board reserves the right to alter the scheduled times for the convenience of the Board and Public within the bounds of the law.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Samuelson to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 11:23 A.M. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Johnson to resume session as the Board of Supervisors at 11:28 A.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel. Motion carried.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Nuss and seconded by Schmidt to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of March 2014: County Clerk, \$17,737.95, County Court \$11,315.53, Clerk of District Court, \$13,824.50, County Sheriff for the month of February 2014 \$1,824.92 and County Treasurer receipts #14030001 thru #14030087 in the amount of \$347,593.75. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Rates for natural gas from the different suppliers will be discussed next week.

Some of the board members went to the Jail for the quarterly visit.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:52 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for April 22, 2014. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman